



Benjamin Terry: *Not Really There*

NEW: Art Talk Scheduled! February 23, 6pm

Where: Ro2 Art Uptown at West Village
3699 McKinney Avenue #310, Dallas, TX 75204

When: January 28 – February 29, 2012

ART TALK SCHEDULED: Thursday, February 23, 6pm

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Ro2 Art is proud to present Benjamin Terry: *Not Really There* along with a group of works by Ro2 Gallery Artists. The exhibition opens January 28, 2012, and runs through February 29, 2012. An ART TALK will take place at the gallery Thursday, February 23, at 6pm. The exhibition will take place at Ro2 Art Uptown at West Village, located at 3699 McKinney Avenue, Suite 310, in the Uptown area of Dallas.

For *Not Really There*, Benjamin Terry presents a series of new paintings which combine representational images and the chaos of ephemeral composition. Working with memory, fantasy, dreams, and time, the artist uses multiple selves to create a narrative sequence reflecting on ideas of internal conflict, self doubt, and emotional trauma. Painted figures escape the confines of naturalism and flirt with ideas of abstraction.

About Benjamin Terry

Benjamin Terry received his Bachelors in Drawing and Painting from the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas. He is currently pursuing his MFA at UNT, where he has had the pleasure to study with fellow artists Matt Bourbon, Annette Lawrence, Robert Jessup, and Vincent Falsetta. Terry has been featured in numerous group exhibitions in the North Texas region. Terry was recently included in the prestigious juried publication *New American Paintings*,

Artist statement:

My current work combines representational images and the chaos of ephemeral composition. I play with various thoughts and emotions that pass through my mind at any given moment. Working with memory, fantasy, dreams and time, I use multiple selves to create a narrative sequence that reflect on ideas of internal conflict, self doubt and emotional trauma. My painted figures escape the confines of naturalism and flirt with ideas of abstraction. Like a memory or dream, parts of the narrative become blurred or fragmented--and the original thought is always transformed. Their evolutions, whether through multiplicity, incompleteness or obliteration, imply that my subjects are odd fragments of a half- forgotten memory.

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About Ro2 Art:

Mother-and-son partners Susan Roth Romans and Jordan Roth operate Ro2 Art, a full-service gallery and consultancy with spaces in the Uptown and Downtown areas of Dallas, working with a diverse group of contemporary artists, most with ties to the North Texas Region. At present, Ro2 focuses on the exhibition and sale of work in all visual media, through a fine art gallery space in the West Village of Uptown Dallas, and a progressive, intimate gallery in the historic Kirby Building in Downtown Dallas. Ro2 Art is a member of Dallas Art Dealers Association, The Uptown Association, and was named "Best Art Gallery" by *The Dallas Observer*.

All works will be on view January 28 through February 29, 2011. Please join us for an art talk on Thursday, February 23, 2011 and at Ro2 Art Uptown at West Village, located at 3699 McKinney Avenue #310 . For more information, visit www.Ro2art.com or call Jordan Roth at (214) 803-9575.

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Benjamin Terry, *Coral Snake*, 2011, 48"x40"